

WEG Equine Program Planning Group

12-5-08, Midway College

Present

Murray: Paul Radke, Sue Robinson, Christy Watkins, Jim Rudolph

Morehead: Judy Willard

Georgetown: Sarah Coleman

Asbury: Harold Rainwater

Midway: Milt Toby

KCTCS: Elizabeth LaBonty

WKU: Charles Anderson (via telecon)

UK: Holly Wiemers, Bob Coleman, Nancy Cox

UofL: Richard Wilcke

CPE: Miko Pattie, Linda Linville

Meeting Summary

Sue Robinson and Christy Watkins were welcomed to the group to replace Dale Barnett of Murray State.

1. Youth Jamboree Planning for 2010

2010 Youth Event Group:

Dale Barnett, Fernanda Camargo (4H-specialist UK), Susan Lancaster, Elizabeth Labonty, Rich Wilcke, Kristen Harvey (UK 4-H)

This item was discussed briefly. A report will be provided at the February meeting.

2. KY Equine Booth 2010 Joint Booth(s) for WEG

2010 Booth(s) Group:

Judy Willard (chair), Milt Toby, Holly Wiemers (UK Equine Initiative Communications Director), Sarah Coleman, Charles Anderson

The booth dimensions were discussed, as well as discussion of prices for 4 panel displays. The committee was asked to report at the February meeting.

3. 2010 International Equine Summit – all members

Rich Wilcke reviewed the concept of the first summit, which was guided by the principles of:

- Needs to span all breeds

- Issues should be timely but not require a political solution
- Audience is composed of people actively engaged in the equine industry
- There will be three topic areas, one of which will be the equine education topic
- The date will be April 26-27, a time designed to fit between the end of Rolex and the first two days of Derby week.

General discussion followed on the general topic of the equine education track.

- We should make an effort to invite an international audience, such as Irish and English universities, as well as University of Lyons and Normandy's Pole de competitivite program
- Graduate programs would be a good topic
- Internships, such as KEMI, Darley, etc. as well as Jockey School, farrier, dentistry programs
- Careers and recruitment would be a desirable focus
- Extracurricular activities, such as IHSA vs. NCAA, polo, etc should be considered for inclusion
- GOAL: have a "SAVE THE DATE" message for the June Equine Science meeting (June 29)
- How do we approach WEG about using the name

Also Bob Coleman suggested that facilities and surfaces would still be good topics.

It was also noted that there will be a smaller scale 2009 Summit for leaders of organizations—dealing with structure, organization and planning.

A committee was named to develop these ideas further and present at the next meeting.

Bob Coleman (chair), Milt Toby, Rich Wilcke, Sarah Coleman, Charles Anderson, Sue Robinson, Elizabeth LaBonty